## Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) operate at the secondary and postsecondary level to support and enhance school-based and work-based learning experiences for students in South Dakota and across the country; and,

Whereas, CTSOs offer co-curricular experiences to help students explore career paths, prepare them to be productive citizens, and allow them to assume leadership roles in their communities; and,

Whereas, Involvement in CTSOs allow students to discover relevance and rigor for core academic content, as well as develop their skills through leadership, professional development, competition, and community service; and,

Whereas, Research has shown that the more students participate in CTSO activities, the higher their academic motivation, academic engagement, grades, career self-efficacy, and college aspirations; and,

Whereas, February is National Career and Technical Education Month and Career and Technical Student Organizations make vital contributions to their local communities and the state:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2012, as

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS DAY

in South Dakota.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant Secretary of State